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**And much,
much more!**





August is now here, and the summer seems to be slipping away at a fast clip!

Although I was unable to attend due to the July ARRL board meeting, all accounts report that the **Auburn Hamfest** was again a success. This edition of the HamNews includes some photos and a short review from this fun annual event. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success.

Yesterday (Saturday, 8/1) was the **Elkhart Hamfest**. Some photos and stories from this event will follow in the next edition of the HamNews.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the 2026 **Fort Wayne Tailgate Hamfest** that will be held on the evening of Friday, 8/14. Full details are found in Steve's column elsewhere in this newsletter. This is one event that you simply should not miss. It's free, only lasts a few hours, and protected from the elements (courtesy of the parking garage). Additionally, this is a great way to part with any surplus equipment that you have, to pick up more stuff that you might or might not need, and to support the new ham radio club and its efforts at PFW. Larry KB9OS will be coordinating donations on behalf of the PFW ham club at the event. I hope that you are able to attend.

The **next local VE session** here in Fort Wayne be held on Saturday, 8/22 at 10am at the Red Cross building. Please contact Willi at KD9ZFP (at) gmail.com for more details.

As mentioned, the **ARRL board meeting** was held last month. I plan to share some reflections from that once the meeting minutes are published in the next few weeks. The ARRL continues to work to support and to advocate for the hobby in

numerous ways. If you ever have any questions about the ARRL, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In his monthly column, Carl K9LA reports on some interesting propagation that has been occurring on the 6 meter band this summer. As you know, 6m has been dubbed as the "magic band" as it is unpredictable. Besides working a number of European and Caribbean stations on 6m, I did make a very brief FT8 contact with Japan on this band within the last week (and it has been confirmed on Logbook of the World too). And this was accomplished with only 50 watts to a 3 element yagi antenna at 30 feet! Talk about magic... As a reminder, any ham operator with a Technician class license or higher has complete access to the 6 meter band. Please join the fun on 6m as complicated equipment is not necessary!

Have a great month. I hope to catch you on the air and at the Tailgate Hamfest.

73,

Josh, W9HT

ALLEN COUNTY HAMNEWS

HamNews is a monthly, joint publication of the Fort Wayne Radio Club, the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society, and the Fort Wayne DX Association.

Articles are written by members and friends of the three clubs. New submissions for HamNews are always welcome. Please send your information to the editor within two days of the end of the month for inclusion in the next edition.

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LRBN Update for July 2026

About the LRBN

The Little Red Barn Net, a group of Amateur Radio operators, continues in memory of the late Bob Seivers and Ron Gregory, personalities on the Little Red Barn Show on Radio Station WOWO years ago. We started the lunches on Feb 2011 at Sara's, and we appreciate all the attendees.

Update for July

We had another great month on the LRBN — "Little Red Barn Net" — Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM on 3.820 MHz (LSB). Check-ins usually start around 8:45 AM. We average 10 to 15 check-ins per day. Even though the 80-meter band has had its challenges lately, we're still having a great time with self-generated topics each day from our check-ins — always a lot of fun and good conversation.

Bi-Weekly Lunch Gatherings

We continue to host lunch every two weeks, alternating between North Fort Wayne and South Fort Wayne. We typically have 10 to 15 participants at each gathering.

This month's lunches included:

- July 9, 2026 — Casa on W. Jefferson Blvd.
- July 23, 2026 — Wrigley Field

As always, great food and even better fellowship!

Upcoming lunch dates (11:30 AM each day):

- Aug. 6, 2026
- Aug. 20, 2026
- Sept. 3, 2026



Stay Connected

If you would like to be added to the LRBN email list, please contact Tom at:

Email: gmrepair1 (at) aol.com:

Phone/Text: 260-437-4676

Please include your email address and call sign or name.

Net Control Operators

- Monday – KU8T (Tom)
- Tuesday – K9FW (Al)
- Wednesday – N9TB (Tom) or KD9HAV (Norm)
- Thursday – KE9IWX (Jim)
- Friday – WB9TYJ (Don) with News Line

After the net each Friday, we air Amateur Radio Newslines and ARRL Audio News—thank you, Don!

Online & Net Resources

Mobile-friendly website: <https://gmrepair1.wixsite.com/mobile>

(includes lunch info, dates, photos, and more)

Groups.io page: groups.io/g/lrbn (Sign up required —this is where we vote on upcoming lunch locations. Let us know if you need assistance.

Net control operators use NetLogger. You can download the program at netlogger.org (available through the Download Center). For smartphones, the following apps are available:

- Android: NetLogger Companion or Net Scraper (Google Play Store)
- iPhone: NetLogger Companion (Apple App Store)

73,

KU8T Tom



Check the previous page
for the next LRBN
lunch out!

Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN



From the President

SUMMER BREAK

Summer is here, and the hamming is easy! Since we typically do not get a good turnout for a conventional club meeting in August, we many years ago had the idea to do a free "Tail Gate Hamfest" as a means of getting hams together. This year is no exception, and we will once again do the TGHF along with the sponsorship of the Purdue Radio Club at parking garage number three, level 2, at the Fort Wayne campus of Purdue. So even if you are not looking to buy or sell anything, come on out see what is available and have a chat with the folks you may talk to on the radio but seldom meet in person.

These times are busy indeed for the Fort Wayne Radio Club! Several club members were present at a meeting in Fort Wayne with representatives from Indiana & Michigan Electric Company to discuss what may happen when their tower at the Robison Park substation is taken down and replaced with an even taller structure. It is unclear at this

point what the club will have to do to be included on the newer tower and we are waiting to hear any details. The actual off the air time, when they switch from the old tower to the new, was surprisingly stated as only a couple of days. So, stay tuned to club emails and the ACHN and our website for information as it becomes available!

Several club members have recently been involved in projects to use remote radio locations as a means of getting around antenna or other restrictions. Interest in this communication solution seems to be rising all the time, so several hams have approached the club with the suggestion that a Remote Operating committee be set up with the goal of helping hams with remoting including the actual construction of remote stations that may be used by club members. The BOD will be discussing this shortly. Again, stay tuned for developments.

Although we have over a month to the club nominations for club officers, I want to put in a plug now for all of you to consider serving on the Board of Directors for the club! Not only are our jobs not that difficult at all,



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but can be a lot of fun and you can learn a lot about how the club operates. Please think about it and consider running for any BOD position!

TAIL GATE HAMFEST AT PURDUE FORT WAYNE, AUGUST 14

Since we typically do not get a good turnout for a conventional club meeting in August, we many years ago had the idea to do a free "Tail Gate Ham-fest" as a means of getting hams together. This year is no exception, and we will once again do the TGHF along with the sponsorship of the Purdue Radio Club at parking garage number three, level 2, at the Fort Wayne campus of Purdue. So even if you are not looking to buy or sell anything, come on out see what is available and have a chat with the folks you may talk to on the radio but seldom meet in person.

See the map attached for directions. Parking garage number 3 is the northern most parking structure at the campus, just a little south of the Canterbury Green apartment complex. There is no charge for parking. Enter the garage at the north end and go up to level 2. It is as simple as that! See you all on August 14th, setup starts at 6:00 pm EDT and goes till the last person leaves (typically about 8:00 pm).

73, Steve, W9SAN



FWRC Tailgate Hamfest

<http://www.fwrc.info>



100 % Free

Admission and Setup

When:

AUG 14, 2026

Where: Purdue Fort Wayne

At

Parking Garage P3 on 2nd Level

MAP



Time:

6:00 pm Setup

and

6:30 pm Sales

Donations accepted for the Purdue Air & Space Research Assoc. (Purdue Ham Club)

For info:

See Larry KB9OS and the Donation Box

Talk In: on 146.91



FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2026

The July meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club occurred on 10 July 2026 at the Red Cross complex at California Rd. It was hosted by club Vice President Tom Rupp, KU8T. There were 24 members in attendance. It started about 6:35 pm.

Tom led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited all present to introduce themselves with their name and call-sign.

Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the Treasurer's report as follows as of July 10, 2026:

Checking account balance is \$7,691.26

Savings account balance is \$510.12

Vanguard Fund balance is \$25,437.53

Year-to-Date Operating Income is \$4,870.27

Year-to-Date Operating Expense is \$4,328.29

Year-to-date Interest Earned at Vanguard is \$437.53

Year-to-date Interest Earned at Partners First FCU is \$0.12

Current Club Account Total Liquid Assets, Year to Date = \$33,638.91

Club membership is 126 members.

Tom reported that our Field Day effort went well. Everyone had a good time and no one was hurt. We had 27 officially signed in participants, more folks were actually involved. We were well staffed except during tear down. The tear down team consisted

of only three persons, and because of that we stopped operating about two hours before Field Day operations officially ceased.

We will be claiming around 813 QSO's including three on 180 meters. Careful station location, the use of both vertical and horizontal polarization and the use of our low pass filters resulted in minimal co-site interference through-out the weekend. Experience did indicate that we should investigate obtaining 15 meter band pass filters.

The Saturday evening food event was well attended and the meal was great thanks to Charles Ward's (KC9MUT) efforts. Ken Rogner (N8KR) coordinated station operations which were instrumental in reducing co-site interference and in general kept our 7A operation running smoothly.

Charles Ward's efforts in setting up the logging network worked great with no difficulties experienced.

Larry Temenoff (KB9DOS) and Carla Barrett (KD9ITZ) operated

a GOTA station and also demonstrated a POTA operation during Field Day plus demonstrated a magnetic loop antenna which attracted quite a few newbies and old timers.

Larry noted that the FWRC Tailgate Hamfest would occur at the PFW Parking Lot #2 on 14 August, and would constitute the August FWRC meeting. There will be a donations jar to collect funds to support the PFW Radio Club.

Ken Rogner commented on a QSO with KD6JUI, located on Lake Chabot, Ca. occurring during the Indiana QSO party, who operates out of a Kayak using a Mag-Loop antenna. Ken also noted that a SKCC Sprintathon (WES) would occur tomorrow and run for 24 hours.

Al Burke (WB9SSE) announced that I&M has funded the replacement of the I&M tower at Robison Park where our 146.76 and 444.875 machine are located. They expect to move out on this project yet this year or early next year. A group from our club will be working with them to flesh out the details of the project.

The meeting adjourned about 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC



2026 Auburn Hamfest



Special guest editorial about the...

Auburn Hamfest 2026 . . . Better than Ever!

I have to hand it to the Auburn folks on another well planned and executed hamfest. This event gets bigger and more popular each year. Imagine going to a hamfest without having to pay admission and being able to shop and visit with the many vendors along with a free admission to the car museum. I was impressed this year with the variety and quality of door prizes . . . wow . . . real new radios given away! Plus fresh *off the grill* hotdogs in the flea market. The Straight Key Century Club was visible thanks to the efforts of the many SKCC area members especially Ed – WA9BBN. Thanks also to the Auburn folks who provided SKCC with free booth space! I know there were more members present than were in the picture, but here are the smiling faces of our SKCC membership who decided to join us for the picture. (and special *thanks* to AC9EZ's dad for taking the picture for us again this year!) cu next year de Ken - N8KR.



The SKCC delegation at the 2026 Auburn Hamfest



State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

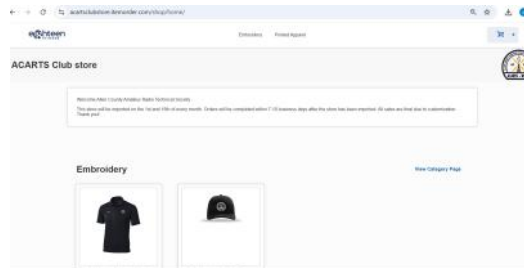
New ACARTS gear is now available!

New ACARTS storefront

A new ACARTS storefront featuring ACARTS gear with the new club logo is available at:

<https://acartsclubstore.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Note that new orders are processed on every 1st and 15th of the month, and orders will be completed within 7-10 business days of processing.



If you have any questions about this, please contact any member of the ACARTS board or one of the officers.

Next ACARTS meeting

The next ACARTS general meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18th at 7pm.

Location: the American Red Cross building, 1212 E California Rd., Fort Wayne.

The meeting will include a presentation by Charles, KC9MUT on foxhunting techniques.

Everyone is welcome to attend both meetings!

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Dan Dahms N9WNH

ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026 — 1906–2048 Local Time

Attendance

Board Members:

President: Dan Dahms, N9WNH

Vice President: Fredrick “Fred” Gengnagel, KC9EZP

Secretary: Jackson Wingeier, W2TAZ

Treasurer: Kevin Hecksher, W9KMH

Station Manager: Dan Dahms, N9WNH

Community Manager: Wilinetta “MzWilli” Tucker-Hall, KD9ZFP

I.T. Manager: Kevin Hecksher, W9KMH

Fundraising Manager (Hamfest Manager): Fredrick “Fred” Gengnagel, KC9EZP

Board Member: Kelley Clond, NT9F

Board Member: Steve Shannon, K9SKS

Board Member: James “Jim” Bassett, W9YME

Total attendance: 12 Members, 1 Guest

Start of Meeting, Approval of the Minutes

19:06 Local Time – Recording started.

No quorum was present. Minutes could not be approved.

Business

Kevin, W9KMH, and Fred, KC9EZP, recapped changes to the Hamfest for this year relative to previous years

- Electronic registration, electronic door prize raffle, tables have been rearranged so all rows have power, ticket prices have been increased due to Coliseum rate changes, and the date & duration of the event have changed this year – delayed one week to not align with the start of deer hunting season, and only a one-day event, Saturday, 0900-1700 local time.

Kevin, W9KMH and Fred, KC9EZP, recapped the issues with the WANE-TV repeater site

- Antenna is not of appropriate quality for how and where it's mounted, we have a feeling it may be degrading.
- WANE-TV will not complete a tower inspection and permit a tower climber until at least 2027, meaning we cannot replace any faulty or degraded equipment on the tower until then, at the earliest.
- Antenna cannot handle the full power of both amateur and the GMRS repeater all transmitting at the same

time, so an interlock had to be installed.

- The GMRS repeater controller has a deliberately incorrect time to make sure that it will not attempt to ID at the exact same time as the amateur repeaters
- The GMRS repeater has a known issue where it loses time synchronization, that is being remedied.

Jim, W9YME, announced that he found an individual willing to create vinyl stickers of the club logo, and they are offering bulk discounts.

Presentation

Jerry, KD9QHI, gave a presentation on Using Repeaters for ARES.

Closing

No motion was made.

Recording stopped at 20:48 Local Time.

Upcoming ACARTS Meetings

ACARTS Board Meeting:

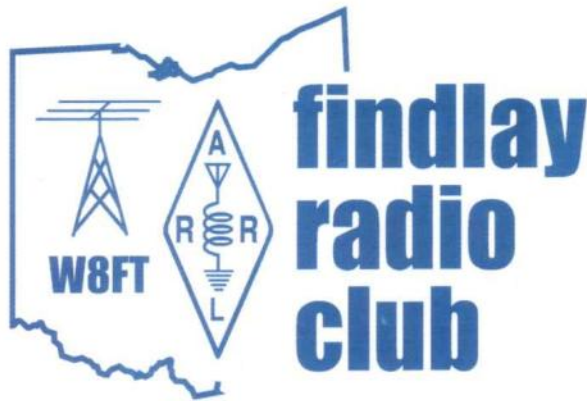
Tuesday, August 11th, 7 PM, Online, MS Teams.

ACARTS General Meeting:

Tuesday, August 18th, 7 PM, American Red Cross, 1212 E. California Rd, Fort Wayne, IN. (Also online via Microsoft Teams. Recording will be posted to Ham Club Online, the ACARTS YouTube Channel, and the ACARTS Facebook page.)



101 Years of the Findlay HAM Radio Club



2026 Amateur Radio FINDLAY HAMFEST

And Electronics Flea Market

Sunday Sept. 13, 2026

Hancock County Fairgrounds • 1017 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, OH 45840

At Gate: \$10 each, Children 18 and Under Free

Vendors: \$20 first table \$15 each additional table

Flea Market Vendor: \$10 per 10ft Space

Overnight Fee: \$25

HOURS

Set-Up: 6:30AM

Opens: 8AM

Join us for Fun, Vendors, Prizes, Demos, Food, Forums and More...



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Northwest China to Southeastern US on 6-Meter FT8

By Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

In the middle of June, I received an e-mail from Ed N4II. He reported 6-Meter FT8 QSOs on June 11 between BGØDLA (in northwest China) and W4 and W8 stations in VA, WV, NC, SC and GA (and some others in that area). The QSOs occurred around 1200z. Figure 1 (thanks to W6ELProp with my additional annotations) shows the big picture – the great circle short path (the red line) from BGØDLA (the black X) to the center of the US stations (the black circle). The great circle long path is the black line (which is mostly in darkness).

The short path length from BGØDLA to the center of the US stations is 10,900 km. The US stations are all within about a 275 km radius around the center. N4II is in the panhandle of Florida (the red X) and is roughly 400 km farther south of the southernmost BGØDLA QSO. Although he has competitive 6m antennas, he did not decode BGØDLA. This pattern suggests very selective propagation. It's like what is called 'spotlight propagation' on 160-Meters – a small geographic area that is favored with good propagation at a given time.

The major question is how did the signal from BGØDLA get to the southeastern US? Was it propagation via the F_2 region? F_2 region propagation isn't too likely, as the F_2 MUF in the northern hemisphere (especially at high latitudes) during the day-time in the summer months is



Figure 1 – BGØDLA to the southeastern US

lowest compared to the fall and winter months. But it can't be ruled out as interesting anomalies can happen in the F_2 region in the short-term.

That leaves sporadic-E as the most probable explanation,

which makes sense since these QSOs took place in a summer month. If it was sporadic-E, what was the hop structure? Was it five or six Earth-to-sporadic-E hops (with each hop being about 2180 km or 1816 km, respectively)? Was it a duct mode in

between multiple sporadic-E layers at different heights? Was it chordal hops (encountering areas of high-electron-densities like in trans-equatorial propagation)? Was it short-path summer solstice propagation (SSSP) that is a possible explanation for the US-to-JA 6-Meter path? Or could it be a combination of these possibilities?

To better understand the SSSP mode, I reviewed KH6/K6MIO's paper titled **Extreme Range 50 MHz Es: Part 1 – SSSP** (you can google that title). He looked in detail at historical SSSP, which was hypothesized by VE1BMJ in 2006 for US-to-Japan QSOs on 6-Meters in the summer months. As a side note, NØAN and WØMU reported many QSOs with Japan on 6-Meter FT8 on June 13, 2026 during the 2100-2200z period.

The BGØDLA-to-southeastern US path is very similar to the Japan-to-US path. Both are fully in daylight, and both get to high northern latitudes – around 80 degrees geographic for the BGØDLA-to-southeastern US path and around 60 degrees geographic for the US-to-Japan path. The cause of SSSP would be either via sporadic-E or via polar mesosphere summer echoes (PMSE) or perhaps a combination of these two. The PMSE echoes are slightly lower than the sporadic-E layer, and they can have sufficient density to support grazing angle propagation on 6-Meters.

In summary, we'll likely never know what exactly happened as we simply do not have enough data with respect to the ionization density all along the path. All we can do is have fun whenever it occurs with whatever mode it is.

IN PERSON!

VE SESSION

Aug
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Get your first ham radio license or upgrade!

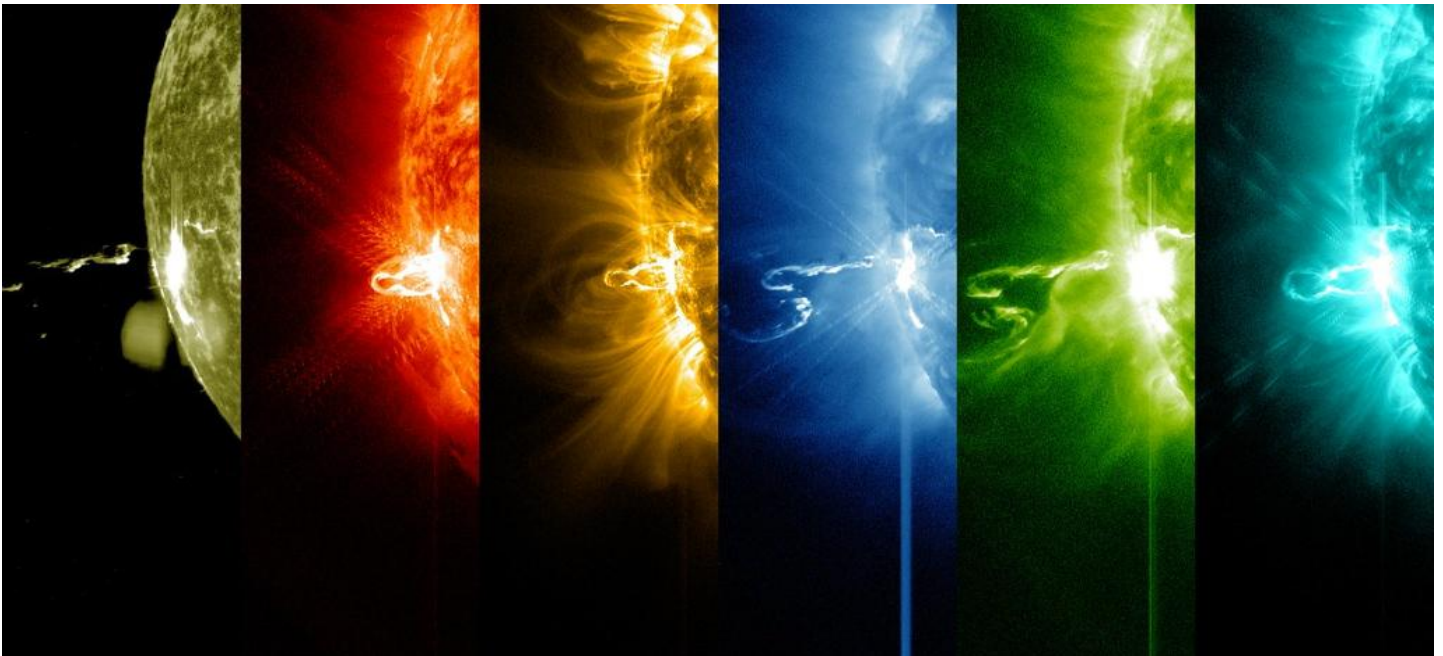
SATURDAY, AUG 22 | 10AM–NOON

RED CROSS BUILDING, 1212 E CALIFORNIA RD.,
FORT WAYNE

Preregistration preferred; walk-ins accepted. testing concludes by noon or after last exam. Cost: \$15 (\$5 for under 18). Fees covered for first-time applicants by Fort Wayne Radio Club

For more information: Willi, KD9ZFP | kd9zfp@gmail.com | 260-348-1171

The annual K9A special event station is scheduled to be on the air from 8/29/26 until 9/12/26.



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YAESU
FT-2000R
YAESU

Full 40-watt
Full 40 bands
Full 40 channels

FT-2000-RE
by Yaesu

Full 40-watt
Full 40 bands
Full 40 channels

Full 40-watt
Full 40 bands
Full 40 channels

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL	Model: FT-2000R
Frequency range	HF: 1.8-30 MHz VHF: 2-144 MHz UHF: 430-480 MHz
Transmitting mode	SSB, FM, AM, DTMF
Power output	40 W (100 W peak)
Receiver sensitivity	HF: 0.2 μ V VHF: 0.1 μ V UHF: 0.1 μ V
Frequency shift	HF: 0-5 kHz VHF: 0-5 kHz UHF: 0-5 kHz
Receiver shift	HF: 0-5 kHz VHF: 0-5 kHz UHF: 0-5 kHz
Power supply	12 V DC, 1.5 A
Control dials	10
Antenna impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions	180 x 100 x 100 mm
Weight	1.5 kg
Accessories	FT-2000R-RE FT-2000R-RE FT-2000R-RE

73 es gud dx de Jim AC9EZ



Summary for August 2026

SKCC was in attendance at the Auburn Hamfest on July 18, 2026. 28 SKCC members signed the attendance sheet at the SKCC table. As usual, there were several more members who were involved with other things and didn't get a chance to sign.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. A SKCC group photo is available earlier in this edition of the Allen County HamNews.

Overview of basic SKCC awards -- Part 3

The Senator Award

After achieving the Tribune Award of Tx8 (400 unique contacts) the next SKCC operating award is the Senator. The Senator Award is achieved when a Tribune who has already attained Tribune x8 status makes contact and exchanges SKCC numbers and names with 200 unique (distinct) SKCC Tribunes or Senators logged after the Tx8 /Tribune Award date. Again, in practice RST and QTH (state or country) is usually part of the exchange.

Restating, any Tribunes or Senators worked before can be worked again to achieve the Senator Award since only contacts made after the Tx8 award date are valid for achieving the Senator Award.

As before, a thorough detailed description of each award can be found on the SKCC web page.

After achieving the Senator Award you can help other SKCC members achieve their awards when you contact them with your "S" appended to your SKCC# as you continue working SKCC members.

A note on SKCC logging. As a reminder, the free logging program SKCCLogger is extremely useful and highly recommended for logging SKCC activ-

ity. Among a lot of other features, it has an Award Processor that will calculate and create an application file to send to the Award Manager.

This concludes the 3 part discussion of the basic SKCC Awards. Refer to the past 2 issues of the Allen County Ham News or the SKCC website for information on the Centurion and Tribune Awards.

Details from the SKCC operating activities during the month of July 2026 follow.

The SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (WES) aims to bring together operators with different skill levels in a regularly scheduled, informal operating event lasting 36 hours. The event starts at 1200 UTC on the 2nd Saturday of each month and ends at 2359 UTC on Sunday. Participants can operate for the full 36 hours.

For the WES on July 11-12, 2026, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown.

WA9BBN	94
N8KR	60
W9HT	23
KU8T	19
W9SA	14
KA9GKE	9
K9FMX	9
AC9EZ	2

The two-hour Straight Key Sprint (SKS) occurs on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 0000 UTC. For Indiana operators the start is on Tuesday evening.

For the SKS on Tuesday evening, July 21, 2026, 8-10 PM local, the following local operators participated. QSO count is shown:

N8KR	60
W9HT	29
WA9BBN	24
AC9EZ	16
KA9GKE	7

Please see the radiosport calendar later in this edition for this month's dates for WES and the Sprintathon.

73, Ed, WA9BBN

**FOR
SALE**

This section of the Allen County HamNews is available for local hams to list any ham radio related gear for sale or to place any ham radio related want ads.

Listings are posted for one month, but can be renewed upon request of the editor.

Please see page two for contact information.

For sale:

- Ameritron AL-84 hf amplifier - clean and tested with full output \$500
- Heathkit HW-8 tested 2 watts out with good receive - has modification for an external speaker. Works! \$50
- Kenwood TR-7931 2 meter radio. Works. No back light for display. A hand mic is included. \$10
- Yaesu FT-227r 2 meter radio. Works. A hand mic is included. \$10

For information on these items, please contact Ken N8KR at n8kr (at) hotmail.com or on the 146.910 repeater.



The following items are also available for sale:

- Yaesu FT-817ND qrp transceiver. In excellent cosmetic and operating condition. Includes hand microphone, DC power cord with power poles, manual, original box, and other extras. \$475
- Radio Shack HTX-202 2m handheld radio. In good cosmetic and operating condition. Includes AA battery holder, antenna, and speaker microphone. Has PL tones, so you would be all ready to access local 2m repeaters! \$20

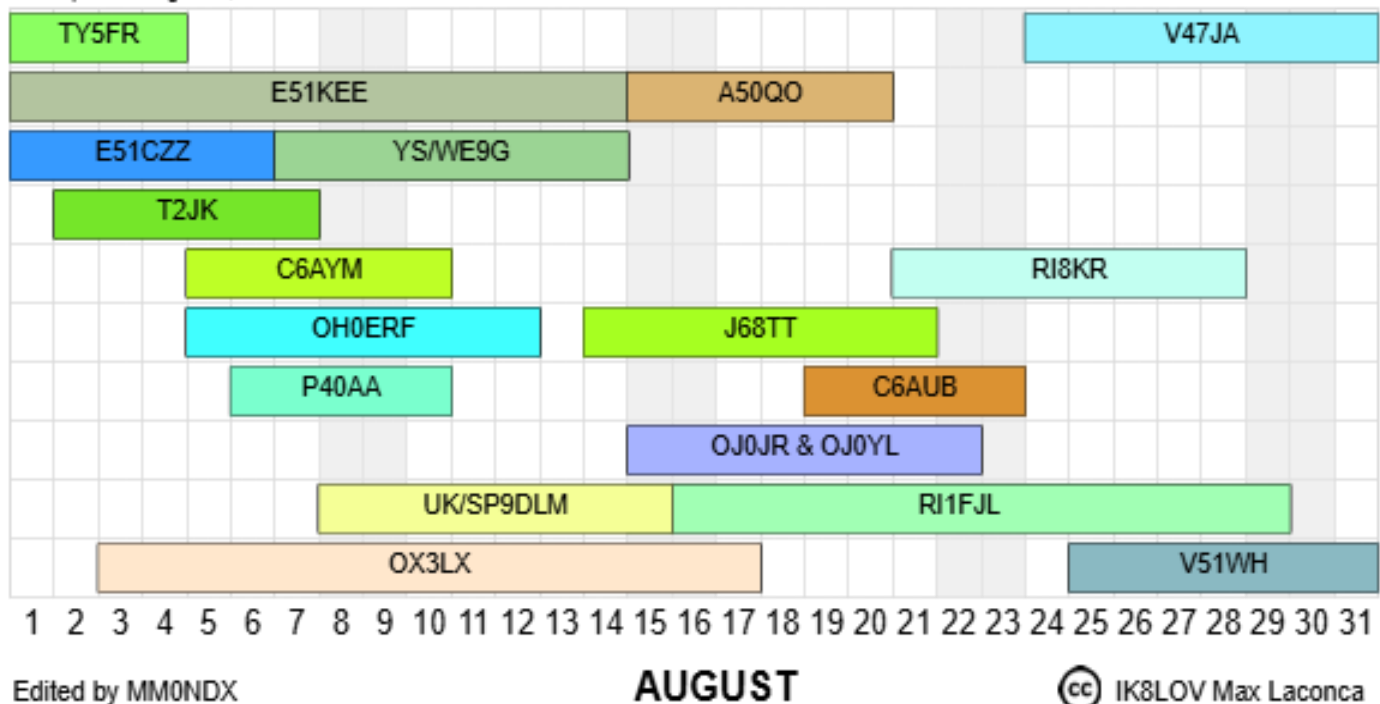
For information on these items, contact the newsletter editor. Contact information is available on page 2. These items will also be available at the tailgate hamfest on request.

August 2026 Radiosport and On-Air Events

Monthly Operating Events: August 2026 (times and dates are based on UTC)	
8/8-8/9	WAE DX Contest, CW
8/8-8/9	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
8/15-8/17	ARL 10 GHz and Up Contest
8/15-8/16	North American QSO Party, SSB
8/16	ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY
8/22-8/23	Ohio QSO Party
8/26	SKCC Sprintathon
8/29-8/30	World Wide Digi DX Contest
This information comes from the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at contestcalendar.com and is gratefully acknowledged. It is deemed accurate as of the time of publication.	

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Area Nets (updated as of 8/1/26)					
Daily			Tuesday		
8:00 AM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	7:30 PM	147.150+	21 Repeater Group Net (97.4 PL)
8:30 AM	3.912	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	8:00 PM	50.580 USB	FWRC 6-Meter SSB Net
6:00 PM	3.910	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	9:00 PM	146.940-	Allen Co. ARES Training Net (141.3 PL)
6:30 PM	146.880-	IMO (alternate is 146.940)	Wednesday		
7:00 PM	147.015+	Tri State Two Meter Net	8:00 PM	145.270-	Whitley Co. ARES (141.3 PL)
8:00 PM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	50.580 FM	FWRC 6-Meter FM Net
Week-days			Thursday		
9:00 AM	3.820	Little Red Barn Net (NewsLine on Friday after net)	8:00 PM	D-STAR	Indiana D-STAR net (Note 3)
Sunday			8:00 PM	50.580	AM 6-Meter AM Net
8:00 PM	444.550+	Whitley Co. ARC Sunday Night Net (141.3 PL)	8:30 PM	145.510 simplex	Allen County ARES Digital Operations Team Training Net (Note 4)
8:30 PM	146.910-	"No-Name" Net also on EchoLink Node number 519521	Saturday		
9:00 PM	145.53 simplex	Northeast Indiana Packet Net 1200 baud (Note 2)	8:00 PM	146.685-	Huntington ARES(141.3 PL)
Monday					
8:00 PM	224.780-	Fort Wayne 224 Net			

1. All times local time.

2. NEIPN is direct accessible via any BPQ Chat Node (or through Node hopping etc.) via other packet frequencies in this area and other areas through other nodes (it is locally direct accessible on 145.53 in NC & NE Indiana/NW Ohio and SE Michigan using KA9LCF-11, KC9VYU-11, N9LCF-11, N9PXO-11, K9BIF-11) Most BPQ Nodes use an SSID of -11.

3. Reflector REF024B.

4. Net starts using BPSK-31 and switches to BPSK-250 after roll call to pass traffic etc. NBEMS suite of software (FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP) is preferred.

5. Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: <http://www.inarrl.org/index.php/public-service/indiana-nts>

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Allen County Area Voice Repeaters (updated as of 8/1/26)								
RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	network	callsign	owner	use/nets
145.33000	141.3	144.73000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9FEZ	Mizpah	
146.76000	141.3	146.16000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9TE	FWRC	
146.88000	141.3	146.28000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	SKYWARN, Red Cross, IMO Traffic
146.91000	141.3	146.31000	CSQ/141.3	FM analog	EL 519521	W9TE	FWRC	Echolink, No Name Help & Swap Net
146.94000	141.3	146.34000	141.3	FM/C4FM	Not net-worked	W9TE	FWRC	ACARES
147.25500	141.3	147.85500	141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	
224.78000	141.3	223.18000	CSQ	FM analog		W9FEZ	Mizpah	Ft. Wayne 220 Net
442.63750	CC1	447.63750	CC1	DMR	Brandmeister	N9MTF	N9MTF	ACARES DMR Net
442.99375	W9TE-B	447.99375	W9TE-B	D-STAR	D-STAR	W9TE	FWRC	
443.10000	CC1	448.10000	CC1	DMR	Crossroads	K9MMQ	K9MMQ	ACARES DMR Net
443.80000	141.3	448.80000	141.3	FM analog		W9INX	ACARTS	Red Cross
444.25000	141.3	449.25000	141.3	FM analog		W9AVW	W9AVW	
444.80000	CSQ	449.80000	CSQ	FM analog	IRLP 8177	W9FEZ	Mizpah	
444.87500	141.3	449.87500	141.3	FM analog		W9TE	FWRC	

Allen County GMRS voice repeater (updated as of 8/1/26)								
RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	Special use	Nets	Callsign	Owner
462.675	141.3	467.675	141.3	WFM ana.	Red Cross	ACARTS GMRS Net	WRDC557	ACARTS

Allen County area data systems (updated as of 8/1/26)											
RX freq.	RX access	TX freq.	TX access	mode	network	BBS/ MBX/ PBBS	owner	net alias	network node	KA-node	digipeater
144.39	141.3	144.39	CSQ	APRS	APRS	W9INX-1	ACARTS	INFW	W9INX-2	W9INX-7	W9INX-8
145.53	141.3	145.53	CSQ	packet	NEIPN	W9INX-1	ACARTS	INALEN	W9INX-6	W9INX-7	W9INX-8

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A fillable version of this form is also available at: <https://acarts.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/ACARTS-2026-Form.pdf>



Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society – W9INX

Email Completed to: Sec@ACARTS.com & Tres@ACARTS.com P.O. Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

ACARTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership applications can be sent via Email, Postal, or in person at a member or a board meeting. Membership applications & payments via credit card can also be filed out directly online at <https://www.Hamclubonline.com>

New Member ☐ Yes ☐ No / Existing Member ☐ Yes ☐ No / Additional Household Members*: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Change in any contact information? ☐ Yes ☐ No *Attach additional membership forms for each family member
Membership type: ☐ Full Member or ☐ Associate Member or ☐ **GMRS Family Group

Do you want the Allen County Ham News Monthly Newsletter Emailed to you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amateur Call Sign: _____ Class: _____ OR/& GMRS Call Sign: _____

Are you a current ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No ARRL Expiration Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Do you use a

Nickname: ☐ Yes ☐ No: If so, what is your Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Type: ☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work Publish*: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Email: _____ Publish*: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Each member must have a UNIQUE email address; family accounts cannot use the same email for multiple persons in the Hamclubonline.com system database. Please use the backside of this page for other GMRS family household members.

*Website Publication Information is only visible to registered Active members of HCO & ACARTS.

Membership Dues are calculated as follows:

	Quantity	Total
Full Membership \$20 per calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)	_____	\$_____
Associate Membership* \$10 per calendar year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)	_____	\$_____

Partial year membership's are pro-rated per month (at \$1.67 per month for Full and \$0.83 per month for Associate, until Dec 31 of each year). Please email Tres@acarts.com for details and to make payment of an initial partial year.

Total Amount Paid: \$_____

*Associate Memberships also include Licensed Household members, non-FCC licensed members, and Students (under 18 Y.O.).

**We only ask that GMRS family groups pay for a membership for the primary license holder (but we do request that you list additional household member's names that may use your GMRS call-sign for our records). ACARTS Licensed Amateur Radio Operator members do not need to pay additional fees for GMRS use.

ACARTS appreciates your continued support, and your membership dues helps pay to keep the repeaters maintained.

ACARTS USE ONLY: Entered Date: _____ HCO Member #: _____ By: _____

Fees Paid: ☐ In Person/☐ Online via: ☐ Cash ☐ Check# _____ ☐ HCO/Square CC Trx#: _____

☐ Full Year/ ☐ Partial Year? _____ HCO Updated? _____ By: _____

FWRC Membership Application for 2026

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____
License Class: _____
Street address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone #: (____) _____
* Email address: _____
* (@arrl.net domain is unreliable. Please use an alternate email address if you have one).
ARRL Member? _____ (ARRL membership helps the club maintain ARRL affiliation)
May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster & on our club web site? Yes or No

Fort Wayne Radio Club dues:

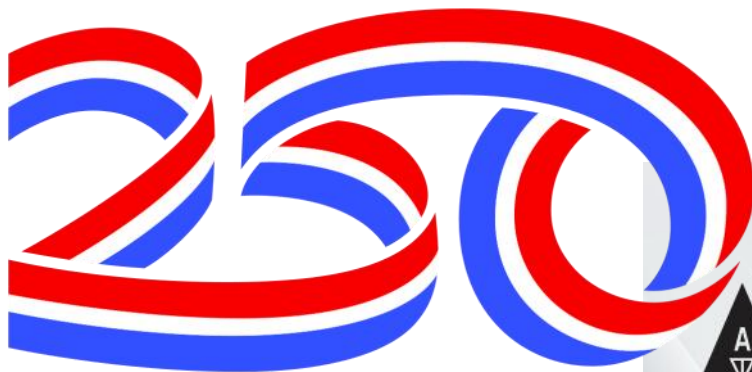
Regular membership	\$20.00 / year
Family membership ¹	\$25.00 / year
Student membership ²	\$5.00 / year
Associate membership ³	\$15.00 / year

(Memberships for July-December are ½ the stated amounts)

Please attach a check to this form (paying by check is strongly encouraged) made out to:
Fort Wayne Radio Club (check number _____) and bring to a club meeting or mail to:
Fort Wayne Radio Club
P.O. Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

- 1: Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.
- 2: K-12 or full time student.
- 3: Unlicensed member.

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FWRC PRESENTS THE 2026 TAILGATE HAMEEST

Friday, August 14, PFW Campus,
2nd floor of Parking Garage 3

- Starts 6:30pm, setup begins at 6pm.
- Free admission and free tailgating.
- Everyone is invited to come.



Lots of deals, fun, and no bees!